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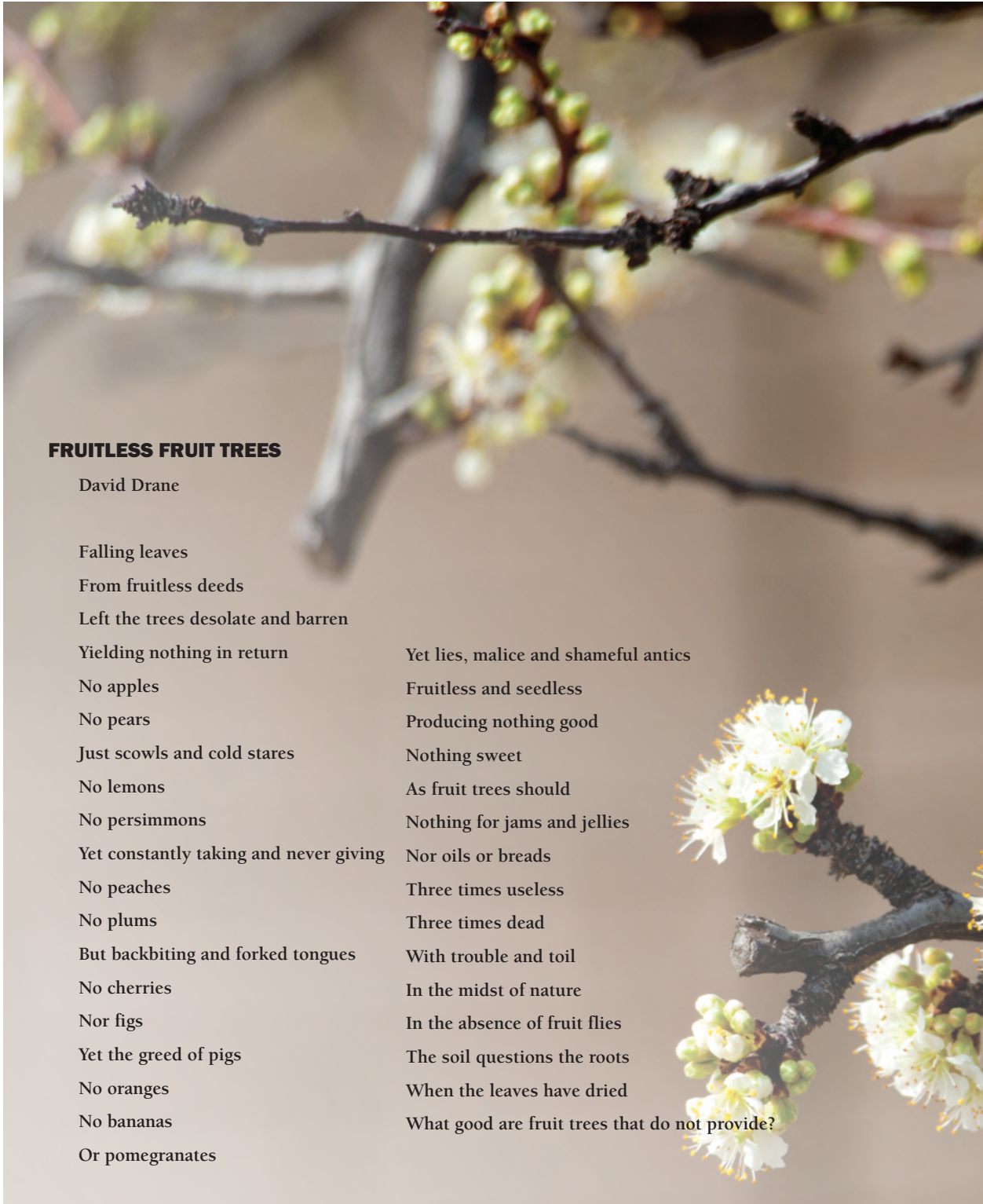
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FRUITLESS FRUIT TREES

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Falling leaves

From fruitless deeds

Left the trees desolate and barren

Yielding nothing in return

No apples

No pears

Just scowls and cold stares

No lemons

No persimmons

Yet constantly taking and never giving

No peaches

No plums

But backbiting and forked tongues

No cherries

Nor figs

Yet the greed of pigs

No oranges

No bananas

Or pomegranates

Yet lies, malice and shameful antics

Fruitless and seedless

Producing nothing good

Nothing sweet

As fruit trees should

Nothing for jams and jellies

Nor oils or breads

Three times useless

Three times dead

With trouble and toil

In the midst of nature

In the absence of fruit flies

The soil questions the roots

When the leaves have dried

What good are fruit trees that do not provide?